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Office of Student Support Services

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Commissioner of Social Security
P.O. Box 17703
Baltimore, MD 21235-7703

Dear Commissioner,

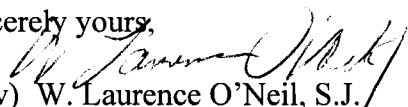
I write in support of a recent letter which you received from our NAFSA representatives regarding the proposed rule governing the awarding of Social Security cards to international students.

This rule must be revised because as proposed, many international students will suffer for the reasons listed in the NAFSA letter.

I will not burden you with detailing my reasons because they have been clearly expressed in the NAFSA communication. I merely want to go on record as being in total agreement with the NAFSA comments, and I request that you continue to permit international students to receive Social Security Cards, based on our recommendation that they are eligible to work on campus. This has been successful in the past, and I can see no reason to change it.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,


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